

TWENTY-FOUR YEARS AGO

(Taken from the files of the Edmonton Bulletin for Saturday, June 12th, 1886.)

Snow fell in Vermont on May 14th. Cows are required for at \$1.25 a bushel.

Eggs, 25c a dozen; butter, 25c a pound.

Splendid rain on Friday; did a world of good.

The mining crew started up the river on Monday.

The Northwest is expected about the 22nd direct from Grand Rapids.

L. Kelly is erecting a frame stable on his lot on Main street, 1841st. W. Woolf's builder.

A bill to incorporate the Kootenai and Athabasca Railway company has been passed.

Jack Price has sold 11,000 cabbage, cauliflower and broccoli plants this spring and has planted 1,000 bushes.

A culvert is being put in the small gully on Main street at the head of the grade to the Edmonton hotel on North-West government account.

Seedling was finished this year earlier than some years past. It was over last week including barley sown where wheat had failed to come.

Chief Hanson, of Bears' Hill, brought in two wagon loads of potatoes for the police this week. The commissioner bought them when on his way south.

River at a good stage. It has been high enough for navigation since the 24th of May. The delay in steamboating is due to the late opening of Lake Winnipeg.

The foundations of the Edmonton hotel have been getting away lately, endangering the building. A pair of men have been at work this week setting it to rights.

A. Doug returned from a visit to Scotland on Tuesday last week. Things are not good in the old country.

Spring seedling commenced about the 1st of April.

A party of men started this week to improve the road on the west side of the Black Mud creek above the bridge, on an appropriation of \$200 from the Northwest government.

W. A. Oliver has erected a bridge on McKinley's creek, south side of Fort Saskatchewan trail, above the old bridge, which shortens the trail considerably, doing away with the necessity of following the base line.

On Tuesday the 11th, H. Co. paid their school taxes, amounting to \$144. About \$1,800 has now been collected.

A number of non-residents have paid up the little men. Three hundred dollars more will square up demands on the district up to November 1st.

On Sunday last Rev. Mr. German's house at Whitefish lake was nearly burned by a smudge which had been left in it for the benefit of mosquitoes, while the family were at church.

On the same day a new building in the same settlement was burned down, having caught fire from a smudge.

Haney and Henderson were not successful in smutting the rock from their mine this week and have given up the attempt for the present. They reduced the rock in the cupola to a soft mass, but could not get it to run.

They are well satisfied with the appearance of the partly melted rock and are sending specimens east for analysis.

PREPARED TO DIVIDE FIELD.

Toronto Electric Light Company Makes Proposition to City.

Toronto, June 10.—Sir Henry Pellatt, president of the Electric Light company, has addressed a letter to the mayor and board of control proposing arrangements for the division of the electrical supply for light and power purposes. The terms suggested are that the city shall reserve its system to the waterworks pumping station, street lighting and power and light required in municipal buildings and leave the private field to the company. Provisions are made regarding the joint use for the company's poles and conductors.

Rates for private consumers are to be fixed charges, dividends of 10 per cent. on capital stock and reasonable allowances for depreciation and other necessary reserve funds. Any surplus of profits is to be applied to the reduction of rates. The statement is made that the city will not be found wanting in the proposed by the city's electrical department.

The mayor is to be an ex-officio member of the board of directors of the electric light company and all disputes are to be settled by arbitration. The gradual removal of overhead construction in the business sections is promised. The Hydro-Electric Power commission will start delivering power to Toronto in six weeks.

RAIN IS NOT NEEDED.

Nothing in Any Way Approaching Drought in The South.

Calgary, June 10.—There is very little reason for people to get alarmed in regard to lack of moisture for the growing crops," said Mr. H. C. McMullen, C.P.R. live stock commissioner, yesterday. "Mr. McKinnell has just returned from a ten days' trip through Alberta and western Saskatchewan so far east as Regina.

"Of course, in some sections," he continued, "the crops are not growing as rapidly as they would if there were more rain, but the general movement of a week ago did an enormous amount of good all over the country, and since then there have been local showers in different parts of the country."

Mr. McKinnell took an automobile trip from Medicine Hat south one hundred miles to the boundary, and reported having seen fields of wheat, fall wheat and other grain.

East from Medicine Hat to Regina crops are looking well, and on up over the C. N. R. to Edmonton there have been plenty of showers. Between Calgary and Edmonton this whole country is looking very well indeed.

The immediate vicinity of Calgary and Lethbridge appeared to be the driest parts of the country. A good soaking twenty-four hours' rain would, however, be very acceptable all over the country, and in a week's time would make a wonderful change.

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